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SUBJECT: NSC CONTINGENCY STUDY: CHILE/PERU

1. EMBASSY IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTINGENCY STUDY
AND ITS STRESS ON PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY.

2. WE CONCUR FULLY WITH NEED TO MONITOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES
(PAGE 17). WE SUGGEST ADDING: QTE. MONITOR SOVIET INTENTIONS;
SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ARM PERU WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON REGIONAL STABILITY. END QTE. (EXPLANATION: SOVIET
INTENTIONS TOWARD PERU REMAIN UNCLEAR. WHILE THE USSR SOLD
TANKS AT BARGAIN PRICES, FURTHER SALES HAVE NOT APPARENTLY
TAKEN PLACE AND THERE IS A QUESTION WHETHER SOVIET SALES
TERMS MAY NOT HAVE DISCOURAGED FURTHER PERUVIAN PURCHASES.
FURTHERMORE, THE USSR APPEARS TO DISTRUST PERU'S REPEATED
DENUNCIATIONS OF COMMUNISM AS A WAY OF ORGANIZING SOCIETY.)

3. CHILE (PAGE 18 1-I): THE EMBASSY QUESTIONS WHAT APPEARS TO
BE A PARTERNALECTIC APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, E.G.
TELLING THE CHILEANS NOT TO SPEND ON ARMS FOR ECONOMIC REASONS.
FURTHERMORE, IF THE PERUVIANS WERE TO ASCERTAIN THAT WE WERE
REVEALING THEIR MILITARY ACTIONS TO THE CHILEANS, U.S. ACCESS

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TO THE PERUVIAN MILITARY, IF NOT USG-GOP RELATIONS, MIGHT BE

SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED.

4. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL (PAGE 20). SUGGEST TOP SENTENCE READ, QTE. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD THE CHILE-PERU SITUATION DETERIORATE, WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO CONSULT ABOUT OUR THINKING AND POSSIBLE DEMARCHES THEY MIGHT MAKE WITH ARGENTINA-BRAZIL. . . END QTE.

5. REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION (PAGE 20). THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES, ESPECIALLY IF WE CAN SUPPORT A LATIN AMERICAN INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT ARMS LIMITATION PROPOSALS ARE "POSSIBLY FUTILE" (PAGE 27). WE FEEL THAT THE UTMOST CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN SUCH EFFORTS BECAUSE OF LATIN AMERICAN SENSITIVITIES TO U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER SOVEREIGN MATTERS. PERU, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, HAS CHOSEN TO DISREGARD USG INTERESTS IN ARMS LIMITATIONS AS IT DID IN 1967, WHEN IT PURCHASED FRENCH MIRAGES, AND 1973, WHEN IT PURCHASED SOVIET TANKS. PRESIDENT VELASCO WOULD NO DOUBT REACT ANGRILY TO ANY U.S. DEMARCHE TO HIM CONCERNING PERUVIAN ARMS POLICY, THOUGH CONCEIVABLY A TRUSTED THIRD PARTY COULD MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH TO THE PERUVIANS. IN ANY CASE, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT TAKE VELASCO'S ARMS FREEZE PROPOSAL AS A SERIOUS ONE, I.E., GOP WOULD NOT GIVE SUCH AN INITIATIVE MUCH MORE THAN LIP SERVICE SUPPORT.

6. AMERICANS (PAGE 28). SECOND FULL PARAGRAPH, SECOND SENTENCE. SUGGEST REVISION AS FOLLOWS: QTE. WHILE MOST AMERICANS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ENDANGERED BY A CONFLICT, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EVACUATING EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES OF THE SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE TOQUEPALA-CUAJONE-ILO AREA, WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BECOME A TARGET FOR CHILEAN ACTION. SOME 150 AMERICANS ARE LOCATED IN THIS AREA WHERE U.S. INVESTMENT TOTALS APPROXIMATELY \$800 MILLION. END QTE.

7. BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA (PAGE 29). EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT NEITHER PERU NOR CHILE HAVE ANY PRESENT INTENTIONS OF FACILITATING, LET ALONE CEDING TERRITORY FOR A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE SEA. FURTHERMORE, THE EMBASSY CANNOT IMAGINE THAT PERU WOULD, UNDER ANY FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES,

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ACQUIESCE WILLINGLY TO A SCHEME THAT, IN PERU'S EYES, WOULD EXTEND BRAZILIAN INFLUENCE TO THE PACIFIC. RATHER, OVER TIME, THE EMBASSY SEES BOLIVIA RELAYING MORE HEAVILY ON ITS NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY BRAZIL, TO MEET ITS IMPORT-EXPORT REQUIREMENTS, RATHER THAN RELYING SO HEAVILY ON DISTANT OVERSEAS MARKETS REQUIRING PACIFIC COAST RAIL AND PORT FACILITIES.

8. COMMENT: WHILE THIS EMBASSY VIEWS CHILE-PERU WARFARE AS AN

UNLIKELY CONTINGENCY, IT DOES RECOGNIZE THAT RECENT PERUVIAN
ARMS PURCHASES HAVE CREATED A SIGNIFICANT ARMS IMBALANCE WITH
CHILE. SHOULD THIS IMBALANCE BECOME MORE SERIOUS, A POSSIBILITY
DOES EXIST IN TIME THAT PERU MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TRY TO
RECOVER LOST TERRITORIES AND "HONOR". MEANWHILE EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS CONTINUING AN EVEN HANDED APPROACH TO U.S.
SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO PERU AND CHILE AS CONTRIBUTING TO PREVENTION
OF A FURTHER IMBALANCE.
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